

## **"An Old Testament Bully"**

Various Scriptures

Principle: What happened in the Old Testament was not necessarily what God wanted to happen.

Principle: Under the new covenant – everything changes.

How to overcome evil with good:

1. Praise God that you are already a conqueror through Christ who loves you.
2. Overshadow any opposition with His mighty power.
3. Overlook another's fault.
4. Overflow with love, hope, joy and faith.
5. Overpower with Christ's mighty power working in and through you.
6. Overrule with the power of the Holy Spirit's presence, power and perspective.
7. Do not over-react to problems.
8. Do not overstate your difficulties.
9. Do not be overwhelmed by what you are up against.
10. Do not be overly critical.
11. Do not overdo anything.
12. Do not overemphasize hardships.
13. Be overjoyed in the Lord.
14. Fear God.

### **Life group questions:**

1. Evaluate how you think God dealt with the Amalekites. Do you think that God was just and right? How would you have handled it?
2. Can you describe a time in your life when you sensed that God didn't correct you until he had exhausted every possibility of drawing you closer to him?
3. Describe a time in your life when you were dealing with "evil." How did you respond? How would it have been better dealt with if you had overcome evil with good?
4. Is there a time when force is appropriate? Read Romans 13:1-5